

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested. In the present official action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-25, 41-57 and 61-62 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1 and 11-17 of U.S. Patent No. 6,734,012.

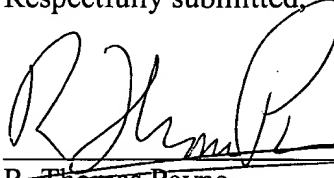
Concerning the nonstatutory double patenting rejection, in the interest of moving this application to issuance, applicants include herewith a terminal disclaimer which, upon acceptance thereof, should provide for the allowance of the application and the issuance of all claims present in the application.

It is respectfully submitted that all claims now pending in this application, namely Claims 1-25, 41-57 and 61-62 are in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited.

If after reviewing this Response, should the Examiner have questions, require additional information or believe that a telephonic or personal interview would resolve any remaining matters, the undersigned may be contacted at the telephone number provided below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee for the Terminal Disclaimer and/or any additional fees associated with the submission of this paper to Deposit Account No. 033879. **A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.**

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